

True Diseases.

Assuredly for Hog Cholera.—Liquor water, 2 tablespoonsful, dissolved in water, administered as a drench where the hog is too sick to take it in his food, is stated by Mr. W. O. Mott, of Calhoun county, to be a specific for cholera. This receipt was sent him by some one who had lost a great many hogs by the cholera. He tried it and has lost none since. This receipt has been tried by others with success.—*Macon Telegraph*.

Another.—The Huntsville (Ala.) Independent, thinks there is scarcely any cure for the hog cholera, but says there is a certain preventative. It is to boil pokeweed roots with their food once a week, which it says will make a hog thrive faster. A hog will root more and deeper for these roots than for anything else.

Another.—We learn, said the Savannah New, that Dr. James, Jr., of Upson county, lost over a hundred hogs by the cholera. He tried the effect of a dry lot, eleven being sick at the time. The sick hogs recovered, the disease was eradicated, and has not troubled him since. His neighbors tried it with the same flattering result.

Another.—A writer in some paper, we have forgotten which, says the following remedy has been thoroughly tried in the region of the Altamaha river, and found to be an infallible specific for, as well as a preventive of, the disease: "Wet some shelled corn in a basket with some spirits of turpentine, and throw a handful of the corn to each hog, two or three days for two or three times. Do not soak the corn in the spirits—simply wet it, and it will immediately dry again, but leave the corn impregnated with the turpentine."

Another.—The Western North Carolinian says the following is highly recommended: Boil corn in lye and feed it to the hogs, or keep ashes in the troughs or lots where they are fed, and shell corn on the ashes. This is said to be a preventative and nearly always cures.

Another farmer says that pine tops kept in the slops, or boiled with meal and fed to the hogs, is a preventive and remedy.

Stagger Among Hogs.—Mix a teaspoonful of sweet oil and half a teaspoonful of spirits of turpentine. After shaking them well together, lay the hog down with the affected ear up, and pour this mixture into his ear, holding him in that position a moment or two, until it gets well into the head. No further attention is necessary. The one who furnished this recipe said, "I have not lost a case thus treated in seven years."

Kidney Worm.—This is another disease fatal to hogs. The first symptoms are a weakness of the loins and legs, and if not checked, is followed by a general prostration of the whole body. As soon as the first symptoms appear, copper given at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoonful daily, for one or two weeks, will generally effect a cure. Spirits of turpentine rubbed on the loins is very good.

The Itch of Mange.—This is not very dangerous, but a "mangy" hog will never thrive. Soapsuds well applied with a stiff scrubbing brush is a remedy. A running stream to wallow in, or plenty of clean wheat straw, will effect a cure.

Coughs.—For coughs and inflammation of the lung, bleeding should be resorted to, followed with light doses of some purgative medicine, one, or half (according to size) drachm of nitre. These are the principal ailments of hogs, except the debility occasioned in some cases for the want of necessary food. The remedy in that case is to feed them.

N. B.—One of the best places for bleeding a hog is in the roof of the mouth.

What Crops to Produce.

Farming, like all other trades, has its seasons when little or no profit is made on the capital invested therein. The question then arises in the mind of the farmer, what crops can I grow, different from what I have heretofore, whereby I can make more money? To every inquirer this is an important question individually; and in advising thereon, caution and an intimate knowledge of circumstances are essential. A farmer with a farm adapted to any particular line of products, experienced therein, could hardly expect to succeed at once if he should make a radical change. A depression in price of any particular line seldom continues for many seasons in succession, and is no more likely to occur than in the price of any other product. The question then arises whether he had not better continue on with the same crops as in the past, seeking to improve the culture that in regard presents shall give the profit hoped for by a change. Experience in the production of an article gives one the advantage of getting a percentage in profit over the open field, with the same article, and that should be borne in mind when the question of substituting any other article of culture comes up.

Again, every farmer is supposed to have adopted his farm improvements to the line which he has been pursuing, and to make a change to a different line of products would demand modification of present arrangements, involving expense which might or might not be returned in the succeeding crop. My own experience and observation teach that the farmer who, if he makes a change in the leading crop produced, in less that change grain, meets with better success than he who invests his whole energies at once. By that course he gains experience at

only small cost, even when he does not succeed.

But a better way than any change is to seek to reduce expense in production. This may be done in different ways—first, by more thorough culture, producing greater products from the same area; producing the greatest possible amount from the same expense to the soil, &c.; second, by adopting the most economical modes of culture. Oftentimes several dollars per acre may be saved in this way, adding thus much to the profit. If, by a certain course, expenses of production are cut, anything added to the product shows just that addition in profit, if no extra expense is incurred, but where any reasonable extra expense is judiciously added, such expense brings in profit on production; at least it pays better than any other expense of production.

I believe that the farmer is the most successful, in the long run, who seeks to add to his profits by increased yield and diminishing expense of production—by thorough and improved culture of such crops as he is practically acquainted with, and his farm and circumstances are adapted to, rather than he who often changes his products.—*Cor. Country Gentleman.*

Lime Water for Burns.

A Correspondent writes that the readiest and most useful remedy for scalds and burns is an emulsion of lime water and linseed oil. These simple agents combined form a thick cream-like substance, which effectively excites the air from the injured part and allays the inflammation almost instantly. He mentions a case where a child fell backward into a bath-tub of boiling water, and was nearly flayed from neck to below her hips. Her agonies were indescribable; but her clothing being gently removed, and the lime and oil preparation thickly spread over the injured surface, she was soon asleep in five minutes. Subsequently it was carefully washed with milk and water three times a day, the oil dressing renewed, and the little patient rapidly recovered. Though all the scalded skin came off, she did not have a scar.

This remedy leaves no hard crust to dry on the sores, but softens the parts, and aids nature to repair the injury in the readiest and most expeditious manner.

This mixture may be procured in the drug stores; but if not thus accessible, slack a lump of quick lime in water, and as soon as the water is clear, mix it with the oil and slake it well. If the case is urgent, use boiling water over the lime, and it will become clear in five minutes.

The preparation may be kept ready bottled in the house, and it will be as good six months old as when first made.—*Cor. Country Gentleman.*

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